

## 2025 City of Peoria Mayoral Debate

### Topics for the Candidates

- **Public Safety:** What specific strategies do you propose to address the recent concerns about lawlessness and ensure the safety of all Peoria residents?
- **Economic Growth:** How do you plan to transform Peoria from a stagnating city to a growth city, as some have suggested is necessary?
- **Infrastructure Development:** What are your plans for improving Peoria's infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and public transportation systems?
- **Downtown Revitalization:** How will you approach the transformation of Peoria's downtown area to make it more vibrant and attractive to businesses and residents?
- **Homelessness:** What initiatives will you implement to address homelessness in Peoria and support those affected?
- **Property Taxes:** Do you believe the current property tax rates are appropriate? If not, what changes would you advocate for?
- **Diversity and Inclusion:** What steps will you take to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within the city's government and services?
- **Youth Engagement:** How do you plan to engage the youth in our community and provide them with opportunities for growth and development?
- **Environmental Sustainability:** What measures will you implement to promote environmental sustainability and address climate change at the local level?
- **Affordable Housing:** How will you tackle the issue of affordable housing to ensure that all residents have access to safe and affordable living options?

- **Public Health:** In light of recent health challenges, what are your plans to improve public health infrastructure and services in Peoria?
- **Education:** How will you collaborate with local schools and educational institutions to enhance educational opportunities and outcomes for students?
- **Transportation:** What are your proposals for improving public transportation and reducing traffic congestion in Peoria?
- **Crime Prevention:** Beyond policing, what community-based strategies do you propose to prevent crime and address its root causes?
- **Economic Inequality:** How do you plan to address economic disparities within the city and support underserved communities?
- **Technology and Innovation:** What role do you see technology playing in the future of Peoria, and how will you integrate it into city services?
- **Arts and Culture:** How will you support and promote arts and cultural initiatives to enrich the community's quality of life?
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** What steps will you take to manage the city's budget effectively and ensure fiscal responsibility?
- **Public Engagement:** In what ways do you intend to involve citizens in decision-making processes and keep them informed about city initiatives?
- **Vision for Peoria's Future:** What is your long-term vision for Peoria, and how do you plan to achieve it?

# DEBATE QUESTIONS

## Economic Development

1. What specific strategies do you propose to attract new businesses to Peoria?
2. **How do you plan to support small businesses and encourage entrepreneurship within the city?**
3. What are your plans to revitalize downtown Peoria and other underdeveloped areas?
4. **How will you address the current unemployment rate, and what initiatives will you implement to create jobs?**
5. What role do you see for technology and innovation in Peoria's economic future?

## Public Safety

6. What measures will you take to reduce crime rates in Peoria?
7. **How do you plan to improve the relationship between law enforcement and the community?**
8. What are your strategies for addressing the opioid crisis and other substance abuse issues in the city?
9. **How will you ensure adequate funding and resources for emergency services?**
10. What initiatives will you implement to enhance traffic safety and reduce accidents?

## Education

11. How do you plan to support and improve public education in Peoria?
12. **What are your strategies for addressing disparities in educational outcomes among different communities?**
13. How will you collaborate with local colleges and universities to retain graduates in Peoria?
14. What role do you see for vocational training and apprenticeships in the city's education system?

15. How will you address the issue of school safety and prevent incidents of violence?

## Infrastructure and Transportation

**16. What are your plans for improving Peoria's infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and public buildings?**

17. How do you propose to enhance public transportation options within the city?

18. What initiatives will you undertake to promote sustainable and eco-friendly transportation?

19. How will you address the issue of traffic congestion in busy areas?

20. What are your plans for maintaining and upgrading the city's water and sewage systems?

## Housing and Homelessness

21. What strategies do you have to increase the availability of affordable housing in Peoria?

**22. How will you address homelessness and support individuals experiencing housing insecurity?**

23. What measures will you take to ensure housing developments are sustainable and environmentally friendly?

**24. How do you plan to involve the community in housing and urban development decisions?**

25. What are your plans for regulating short-term rentals and their impact on the housing market?

## Healthcare

26. How do you plan to improve access to healthcare services for all residents?

**27. What initiatives will you implement to address mental health issues in the community?**

28. How will you tackle health disparities among different populations in Peoria?

**29. What are your plans for supporting healthcare providers and ensuring they have the necessary resources?**

30. How do you propose to handle public health emergencies and future pandemics?

## **Environment and Sustainability**

31. What measures will you take to promote environmental sustainability in Peoria?

32. How do you plan to address issues related to climate change at the local level?

**33. What are your strategies for improving waste management and recycling programs?**

34. How will you protect and enhance green spaces and parks in the city?

**35. What initiatives will you implement to promote renewable energy usage in Peoria?**

## **Social Services**

**36. How do you plan to support vulnerable populations, including seniors and individuals with disabilities?**

37. What are your strategies for addressing food insecurity in the community?

38. How will you ensure that social services are accessible and effective for those in need?

**39. What role do you see for non-profit organizations in delivering social services?**

40. How do you plan to fund and sustain social service programs in the city?

## **Diversity and Inclusion**

**41. What initiatives will you implement to promote diversity and inclusion within city government and the broader community?**

42. How do you plan to address systemic inequalities affecting marginalized groups in Peoria?

43. What are your strategies for supporting immigrant communities and ensuring their integration into the city?

44. How will you promote cultural events and activities that celebrate the city's diversity?

**45. What measures will you take to ensure equal opportunities in employment and education for all residents?**

## **Governance and Transparency**

46. How do you plan to increase transparency and accountability in city government?

**47. What are your strategies for improving communication between the city administration and residents?**

48. How will you ensure ethical conduct among city officials and employees?

49. What measures will you take to involve citizens in decision-making processes?

**50. How do you plan to manage the city's budget and ensure fiscal responsibility?**